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SUBJECT: GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS

1. GERMAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON INDICATED TO US TODAY THAT
DR. ARNOLD EXPECTED TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTIES IN MAY AND

ASSUME HIS DUTIES IN ROME IN EARLY JUNE. HE THEREFORE
QUERIED WHETHER PROPOSED GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS
APR 26-27 SHOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED.

2. IN OUR RESPONSE WE INDICATED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD
DR. ARNOLD'S HESITANCY BUT BELIEVED THAT IN LIGHT OF THE
FACT THAT CULTURAL TALKS HAD ALREADY BEEN POSTPONED
FROM JANUARY TO LATE APRIL IT WOULD PROBABLY BE PREFERABLE
TO GO AHEAD EVEN IF DR. ARNOLD WERE TO BE REPRESENTED BY
HIS DEPUTY. A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THE FALL OF THIS
YEAR WOULD CAUSE ANNUAL MEETINGS TO BE EVEN MORE OUT OF
PHASE.

3. FYI: WE BELIEVE THAT HOLDING OF MEETING MAY BE USE-
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FUL IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE, PARTICULARLY
WITH REGARD TO CULTURAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE GDR AND THAT
MEETING WILL ALSO BE USEFUL IN FORCING GERMAN HAND ON
ACADEMIC EQUIVALENCY DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS ENABLING US TO

DISCUSS WITH THEM IN GREATER DETAIL PROPOSED UNESCO
EUROPEAN REGION CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION OF DEGREES AND

DIPLOMAS. END FYI.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EARLIEST COMMENTS AS WELL
AS POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA.
CHRISTOPHER

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